## <u>REMARKS</u>

Applicant notes with appreciation that the claims in the above-identified application, i.e., claims 1-5, 11-14, 16, 17, 21 and 22, have been allowed pursuant to item 5 of the Office Action Summary.

The present Office Action suggests, on page 2, that reference numeral 2 be deleted from Figure 1 of the drawings since the specification, as amended on March 22, 2004, no longer includes a description of drawing element 2. In order to expedite the issue of the presently allowed claims, the drawing has been amended to delete reference numeral 2 from Figure 1, as suggested by the Examiner. No new matter has been added.

Favorable consideration of the application in view of the amendments and remarks herein is respectfully requested. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the above amendment to the specification be entered and a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in the above-identified application.

No fee is believed to be due for this Amendment. Should any fee be required, please charge such fee to Jones Day Account No. 503013.

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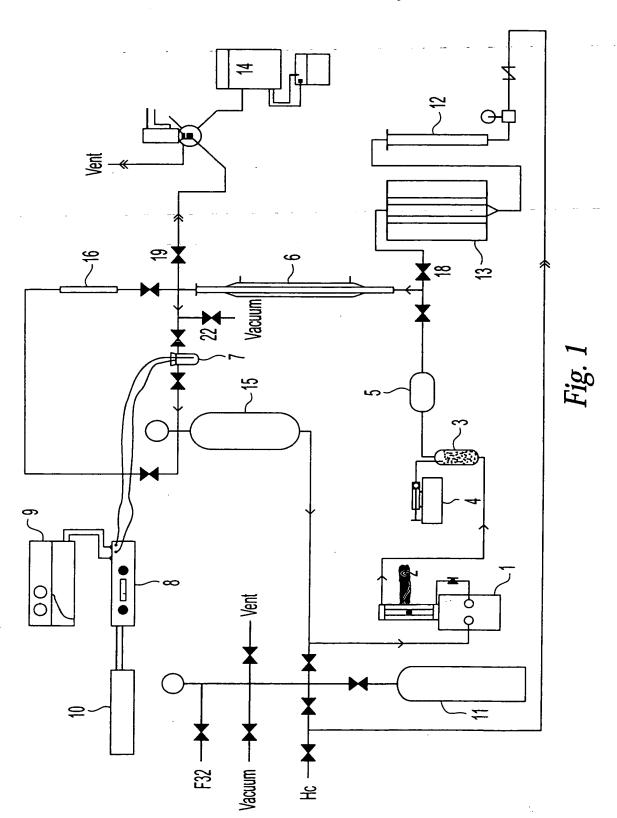


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